

## Birds of Riparian Areas

Go Birding! Birds that live near water have special adaptations! Students will learn to identify several riparian (aquatic) birds and how they survive in a watery habitat!

**K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. 2 hours. \$2.00**



## Nature Journaling

Get connected with nature using a nature journal! Practice different types of journal entries ranging from art and poetry to data collection and observations. Let the water, trees, and flowers inspire you! **4<sup>th</sup> grade-adult. 2 hours. price varies.**



## Wild Card

When you call to schedule a program, ASK about our NEW programs. NEW programs are being developed this year by our Graduate Student Fellows from BSU. Innovative and exciting new opportunities await you!

### *Self-guided VISITS*

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Classes may explore the Nature Center on their own. Groups of 10 or more must schedule their self-guided visit to ensure a high quality experience for everyone and help us track our visitation. FREE! Donations accepted.

*Please call!*

#### Scavenger Hunts

Teachers wishing to focus their student's experience at the Nature Center can request scavenger hunts from MK staff. Scavenger hunts have been developed at several academic levels. Contact MKNC staff to receive an electronic copy of our scavenger hunts or we can print them and provide clipboards and pencils for \$.50/student.

*Please call!*

#### Go Fishing!

Enjoy the great outdoors! MK Nature Center has a classroom set of fishing poles for your fishing experience. Come check out the poles for free and take your kids fishing at nearby Parkcenter Pond or the Boise River.

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## Programs and Tours 2010-2011 School Year



To schedule a program: 287-2906 or email  
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The MK Nature Center is a 4.6 acre wildlife habitat with waterfalls, streams, ponds, fish viewing windows, gardens and a visitor's center. Our mission is to inspire love, appreciation, and stewardship of our natural world. We are located at 600 S. Walnut Street, Boise, Idaho behind the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Headquarters.





## Streamwalk Program

This is the most popular Nature Center program-the perfect introduction to HABITAT, ADAPTATIONS, NICHE, FOOD WEBS, and LIFE CYCLES focusing on aquatic animals. With the use of pelts, skulls, and animal mounts, a wildlife educator gives students an introductory lesson then leads them outside for an educational walk through the Nature Center. Students get an underwater look at native Idaho fishes, and will learn about aquatic habitats.

**Pre-K-Adult. 1.5 hours. \$1.50**



## Nature Inspires (formerly Nature Arts)

How can we use art to express our experiences in nature? Create your own journal using different artistic methods, including "gyotaku," the Japanese art of fish printing. Let the water, fish, and plants inspire you!

**K-6<sup>th</sup>. 2 hours. \$2.00**

## Preschool Programs

Programs offered for Kindergarten in this brochure can be modified for PreK. In addition, we have the following PreK programs available for \$2.00/student. Salmon life cycle, Plant life cycle, Spiders, Water Cycle, Flowers, Birds, Salamanders and Snakes, Insects, Butterflies, Living and nonliving things, Mammals, and The letter F (F is for Fish)!

## It's a Worm's World

Decomposition is happening in the water, on the land; everywhere! Find out how it works in nature and in a human-made compost pile. Meet some compost critters. Learn how the earth recycles itself and what we can do to help.

**K-6<sup>th</sup> grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.00**



## Anadro-WHAT?

This in-depth program covers the life cycle of anadromous fishes and discusses the causes of the decline of these amazing fish. A great lesson on aquatic ecology and life cycles.

**PreK-K and 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades. 1-2 hours. \$2.00**



## Class in the Creek

Collect aquatic insects, fish, crayfish, and more in this hands-on stream ecology experience. Learn what a healthy freshwater habitat looks like and why salmon are so essential to Idaho's ecosystems. Get outside to play and learn in your river!

**4<sup>th</sup> grade and up. 2 hours. \$2.00**

## Beaver Chew

Look for evidence of beaver activity at the Nature Center. Learn about beaver adaptations and why they are important to aquatic systems. Build beaver dams and test your engineering skills.

**PreK-6<sup>th</sup> grade. 2 hours. \$2.00**

## Hoo lives in Idaho?

Owls are amazing hunters. Some owls call the Nature Center their home! Take a look at owl skulls, wings, and feet, and learn about how owls are adapted to hunt at night. Then dissect owl pellets to see exactly what they eat.

**4<sup>th</sup> grade and up. 2 hours. \$2.00**



## Five Senses

Look at the flowers! Smell the fresh air! Listen to the birds! Feel the cold water. Awaken your senses at the Nature Center and learn how other animals use their senses to survive.

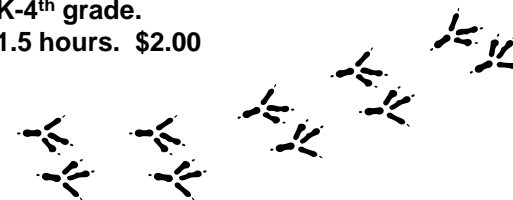
**PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.00**



## Scat and Tracks

Become a wildlife detective! Learn how to identify wildlife by what they leave behind: tracks, scat, and much more! Then, test your tracking skills on a wildlife walk through the Nature Center.

**K-4<sup>th</sup> grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.00**



## Creatures of the Night

A great program for the Halloween holiday! Learn about native Idaho animals who are active at night. Why are they so good at doing things at night? Why are we active during the day? Explore the senses and learn why aquatic habitats attract so many nocturnal animals.

**K-4<sup>th</sup> grade. 1.5 hours. \$2.00.**